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This response is intended as a full and complete response to the Interview Summary concerning a telephonic interview, held on October 24, 2006, between Examiner Ponnoreay Pich from the USPTO and Michael Bentley, representative of the Applicant.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant's representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview and for taking time out of the Examiner's busy schedule to speak with Applicant's representative. Applicant's representative acknowledges the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed on November 2, 2006.

During the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections of claims 1, 14, 22, 25, and 46. Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed whether the amendments to claims 1, 14, 22, 25, and 46 proposed by in Applicant's response dated September 18, 2006 were sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections. Specifically, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed whether each of claims 1, 14, and 46, as amended, provide a concrete, useful, and tangible result. Furthermore, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed whether each of claims 22 and 25 constitutes software per se.

During the interview, the Examiner stated that the amendments to claims 1, 14, and 46, filed in Applicant's response dated September 18, 2006, appeared to overcome the outstanding 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections. During the interview, the Examiner further stated that the amendments to claims 22 and 25, filed in Applicant's response dated September 18, 2006, still failed to satisfy 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed apparatuses could still be construed as software per se.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and passage of the claims to allowance. If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Michael Bentley or Eamon J. Wall at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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